

Around Town

By SAM C. MORRIS

Raz Autry, chairman of the tournament committee at Arabia Golf Club, announces that the monthly four-ball tournament will be played on Saturday, March 31 or Sunday, April 1. It seems from the letter Raz sent out that he is a trusting soul because the letter reads, "If you decide to play on Saturday, pay Mr. Hendrix before you tee off. You cannot pay him when you get back and count your score, or you can't pay him beforehand and decide that score doesn't count. When you have played him or me, and completed the round you have competed in the tournament. The winner will be decided Sunday afternoon."

All tournament golfers head for Arabia either Saturday or Sunday.

Last Wednesday morning a gentleman came into The News-Journal office and introduced himself as Miles Powell. He said that he pitched ball for Raeford in 1922, when Raeford had a professional team. Of course I was only four years old at that time and I couldn't talk much about that year.

According to Mr. Powell the league was made up of the following teams: McColl, S. C., Maxton, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Raeford and Hamlet. He had a scrapbook with clippings of the games he had pitched. This was his first trip back to Raeford since 1922.

He had been in Florida for two weeks and was returning to his home in Mount Holly, N. J. Mr. Powell at the present time is a sales consultant and public speaker.

H. R. (Hootch) McLean was by the office later in the week and I asked him if he knew Miles Powell. Hootch said he played on the same team with him. His comment about Miles' pitching was "that he couldn't break a window but had perfect control and was a winning pitcher." He said that Make McKeithan and Allen McGee also played on the team.

It was nice to talk to Miles Powell and I hope he will find his way back to Raeford in the near future.

Bill Senter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Senter of Raeford, is a first year law student at Wake Forest University. During the fall semester Bill was second scholastically in his class and received a letter of congratulations from Dean Pasco M. Bowman of the law school. I would also like to add my two bits worth to Bill.

Mrs. R. F. Neeley, chairman of the Education Department of the Raeford Woman's Club, called me this week and was very much concerned about rumors of the reduction of taxes and of the cut back in the schools of the state.

She asked that people write to the members of the state legislature and request the following things for the school program:

- Kindergarten Programs.
- Reduction of Class Size.
- More Time for Preparation of Instruction
- Better Teaching as a Result of Better Teaching Conditions.

She stated that the Education Department was fighting the repeal of the Soft Drink (crown) Tax that will keep \$40,000,000 in the General Fund of which approximately 1/2 goes to support public education.

So if you endorse the above things join these women and write to the members of the Senate and House and let them know how you feel.

The Key Club of Hoke High School will sponsor a barbecue supper Thursday, March 29, 1973. Tickets will be \$2.00 per plate. The cafeteria will be open from 5 till 7 o'clock. Anyone wishing to have plates delivered may do so.

Two Suspects Make Bonds

Two men were arrested and released on bond in connection with a series of larcenies at Raeford Livestock Farms, Inc., a subsidiary of Upchurch Milling and Storage Co.

Jack McGregor, 32, Rt. 1, Raeford, was released on \$1,300 bond and Cornell Easterling, 26, Rt. 1, Raeford, was released on \$1,000 bond. They are scheduled to appear in district court March 30.

Both men are charged with forcible trespass and attempted larceny March 16 of two hogs valued at \$170; larceny Feb. 28 of three hogs valued at \$186.10; and felonious larceny March 2 of five hogs valued at \$437, March 7 four hogs valued at \$296.20 and March 12, five hogs valued at \$423.25.

McGregor was arrested March 16 as the result of a stake out manned by members of the Hoke County Sheriff's Department.

All the hogs were sold to Fayetteville Union Stockyard in Cumberland County in the names of Bert Hankins, Robert McGregor and Cornell Easterling, says Sheriff D. M. Barrington.

State of North Carolina,

Office of Secretary of State.

Raleigh, *Oct 5* 19*10*

I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached *eight (8)* sheets to be a true copy from the records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office at Raleigh, this *5* day of

October in the year of our

Lord 19*10*

J. Bryan Grimes
Secretary of State.

Amended 1929 - General Election - 1st money in fund -

CERTIFIES OLD CITY CHARTER - Last page which appears in folder holding 1901 original charter of City of Raeford in Cumberland and Robeson Counties is dated Oct. 5, 1910 and certifies the preceding eight pages are true copies. Ink used by signer, North Carolina Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, has turned brown with age. Ink used in 1929 handwritten footnote retains its black color. The original 1901 charter covers four and a half legal-sized sheets of paper. A 1905 amendment is contained in just under three legal-sized sheets of paper.

Registration Set For First Grade

All children who will enter the first grade in Hoke County Schools are requested to register April 10, 11 or 12 at the school serving the family's attendance area. Three schools involved are Scurlock, J. W. McLaughlin and West Hoke. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate (child must be six years-old before Oct. 16, 1973). A copy of the child's immunization (shot) record will also be required at the registration. It is not necessary to bring the child. All children are requested to have a complete physical examination before entering the first grade.

Suspects Face Breakin Charge

Two Red Springs residents were arrested March 18 and charged with breaking, entering and larceny in connection with the March 15 breakin at Larry Dial's Antioch Township home.

George Bullard alias George Thomas, 18, and James Thomas, 16, were released on \$200 bond each. They are scheduled to appear in district court March 30. A juvenile was also involved in the incident reports Sheriff D. M. Barrington.

Taken during the breakin were a rifle valued at \$100, \$10 in cash, a bank containing \$8 and an identification bracelet worth \$8. All items except the bracelet have been recovered reports sheriff's deputies.

Zoning Laws To Be Updated

City of Raeford zoning ordinances will be updated according to John Gaddy, city manager. The project, still in the early stages, consists of a series of meetings between members of the planning and zoning boards. These two groups are working with the assistance of a representative from the state government, Jim Kier.

These meetings will eventually be followed by a required series of public hearings before adoption of new zoning laws.

Rare Bits Are In Old City Charter

With the General Assembly considering a new charter for the City of Raeford the old charter ratified Feb. 22, 1901 and amended several times since, may soon be nullified.

At the time Raeford was incorporated it was located partly in Cumberland County of Hoke came into being.

The original charter gave the mayor and city commissioners, as they were then called, the power to levy and collect taxes on real and personal property "not to exceed thirty three and one third cents on the one hundred dollars valuation." Present tax rate is \$1.10 per \$100 valuation.

The governing body was also authorized to levy and collect "poll tax not to exceed one dollar." The North Carolina poll tax was abolished in 1920.

A three-page amendment to the charter was ratified Feb. 21, 1905. The full amendment dealt with the requirement that male citizens work in the streets.

"All able bodied male persons living in the said town, between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five, shall work on the public streets of said town for one day, (of nine hours), in each and every year...provided the street commissioner of said town shall give to each inhabitant of said town who is subject to street

duty, at least three days notice at the home of residence of such person, specifying in such notice the time and place of and where work is to be performed, and also designate in such notice the tool or implement with which such person shall be required to work."

The amendment made provisions for those who were adverse to physical labor. "Any person may in lieu of working one day on the public streets of said town, pay on or before the day summoned so to work, to the street commissioner, the sum of one dollar, which said amount so paid shall exempt said person from street duty as summoned, and shall further exempt said person from any and all street duty for twelve months from the payment of the same."

Shirkers were also given proper attention in the amendment which says those who do not pay and "refuse to perform good and reasonable labor...shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than two nor more than five dollars, or sentenced to work upon the public streets of said town for not less than ten days nor more than twenty days.

The last sheet in the town charter folder, dated Oct. 5, 1910, is signed by North Carolina Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes and certifies the eight preceding sheets in the folder are true copies of the charter.

A handwritten footnote appears at the bottom of the page, "Amended (sic) 1929-General Election (sic)-1st Money (sic) in June."

Tax And Other Boards To Meet Next Monday

The County Board of Equalization and Review meets Monday. The regular monthly meetings of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, the Raeford City Council and the Hoke Board of Education are also on Monday.

The County Board of Equalization and Review meets at 9 a.m. in the Board of Education conference room to hear complaints from residents who have received notices of the valuation of property improvements in 1972.

T. B. Lester, county manager, requests individuals wishing to appear before the board call his office, 875-2034, to make appointments to appear before the Equalization and Review Board.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will begin at the completion of the Equalization and Review hearings.

The School Board meets Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Building and the City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Man Posts Bond

Raymond Jones, 21, who lives near South Hoke School, was released on \$200 bond following his March 20 arrest in connection with the March 17 theft of a billfold belonging to Mitchell Bittle, reports Sheriff's Deputy J.R. Young. The billfold contained \$86.

Bid Accepted

The City of Raeford accepted a landfill equipment bid from North Carolina Equipment Co., Raleigh, for \$35,994.38 without buy-back provisions. This amount includes taxes on the sale.

The purchase of the equipment is a joint city-county venture with the county paying 75 percent and the city paying 25 percent of the price. The city operates the landfill.

The bid accepted by the city is the same as that accepted by the county commissioners at a special meeting March 13.

New City Charter Goes To Senate

Bus Station Opens Here

A new utilities collection point, Western Union office and bus station opened on U. S. 401 south March 22. Since Christine Carter opened the facility residents of Raeford and Hoke County have been able to wait for buses sheltered from the elements.

The waiting room which is open everyday from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. contains several wooden benches, vending machines (more will be installed later this week) and rest rooms in addition to a ticket counter.

Mrs. Carter says, although the waiting room now closes before the last bus leaves she hopes to make other arrangements in the future.

The ticket counter is also the collection point for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph and Carolina Power and Light bills. This service which is closed on Sundays is offered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Western Union service, which is also closed Sundays, is offered 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays and other days Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Customers may call in their telegrams and have the service charged to their telephone bill, reports Mrs. Carter.

In addition to the above services packages may be left for prepaid or collect delivery anywhere in the United States via Greyhound and Continental Trailways buses.

Bill Will Limit Size Of Classes

D. D. Abernethy, Hoke School superintendent, says a bill introduced in the General Assembly March 21 "could create problems in Hoke County."

The bill would limit size of classes in some grades. Grades one through three would be limited to 26 pupils per class and grades four through eight would be limited to 33 students per class. At present there is no maximum class size set by law.

New Temple Dedicated

Services dedicating the new Masonic Temple Raeford Lodge No. 306 A.F. & A.M. were Saturday with Berl M. Kahn, North Carolina Masons grand master, from Goldsboro delivering the dedicatory address.

Approximately 200 people were welcomed by Joe F. Stanley, Raeford Lodge No. 306 master. High school students, under the direction of Mrs. Neill McNeill, appeared on the program. Lester Southern, baritone soloist, sang "Bless This House." Julie Kicklighter, piano soloist, played "Capriccio." Jane Sellers, soprano soloist, sang "The Lord's Prayer." Benediction was given by the grand chaplain. Refreshments were furnished by the Eastern Star.

Ground was broken for the building about four years ago by the late Grover Williamson who donated one acre of land for the temple. Also instrumental in the project were the late Frank Tapp and Israel Mann.

The Raeford Lodge was originally See DEDICATED, Page 9

Additional Judge Is Considered

A proposed bill to increase the number of district court judges in the 12th judicial district from four to five was sent to the Courts Commission for study.

If the bill should pass the General Assembly as presently written, candidates for the additional judgeship in Hoke and Cumberland Counties would run in the 1974 primary and general election and take office in Dec. 1974.

Breakin And Pet Theft Reported

Deputy Sheriff J.R. Young investigated a breakin at the H.L. Long residence Rt. 2, Raeford on March 16. A window pane, door and door lock of the home were damaged.

James R. Cane Jr., Rt. 1, Harmony Heights, reported two English bulldogs were taken from his home March 21. The two brindle colored animals, one seven months old and the other two years old, are valued at \$600, reports Deputy Sheriff Alex Norton.

A bill to revise and consolidate the charter of the City of Raeford will be presented to the North Carolina senate early next week. The proposal is presently under study by the Local Government Committee.

The proposed bill will nullify the old city charter and produce a new charter which will comply with North Carolina statutes governing municipalities and their powers, reports R. Palmer Willcox, city attorney.

The new charter will authorize the city to assess property owners for building and improving streets including construction, paving, widening and installing curbs and gutters, without the affected property owners requesting the improvements. Under the present charter a petition from property owners is required before such work can be undertaken.

Also to be changed are alternate condemnation procedures. Willcox explains, "Under the present charter the court must set a value on the property before work can begin. Under the proposed charter work may begin before the court establishes value of the property involved."

The proposed charter provides claims against the city must be presented to the city council in writing within 90 days and no suit may be brought after one year. It also includes a two-year limitation for filing written claims for damages to realty taken for public purposes.

Other areas covered by the proposed charter including type of government, size of city council and methods of election are virtually the same as those in the present charter.

If the proposal to amend the charter passes the senate it will be forwarded for house action.

The proposed bill says overages should be corrected by transfer of teachers, between schools if necessary. If this does not work the school board should apply to the State Board of Education for contingency funds for additional personnel.

As an example of possible problems Abernethy explains West Hoke School has only three first grade classes. If 84 first graders enrolled it would fill the three classes with six students left over.

The superintendent says he doubts the State Board would be willing to provide funds for an additional teacher for so few students.

He suspects, under these circumstances, a teacher might have to instruct both first and second graders in the same classroom.

Drug Conviction Nets 6 Months

In district court Friday a Raeford man pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and received a six-month sentence.

Ricky Wayne Ward, 17, Rt. 2, Box 13, Raeford was turned over to federal authorities Sunday in connection with interstate transportation of a vehicle.

Ward will begin serving the North Carolina sentence at the conclusion of any federal cases against him.

He was arrested March 12 in Raeford by Sgt. J.R. Riley and Preston Moore of the city police department. At the time of his arrest Ward was driving a vehicle which had been reported stolen in Austin, Tex. Moore and Riley stopped the car for a routine check and found less than five grams of marijuana in Ward's possession.

After Judge Joseph H. Dupree passed sentence, Ward gave notice of appeal. Bond was set at \$500. Later Ward withdrew his appeal.

Money Aids Researchers

Mrs. Frances J. Parks, Raeford, and Mrs. Lora Tindler, H. W. Parker and Dr. W. J. Stieninger, all of McCain, serve on the board of directors of the Md. State Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

Part of the money contributed each holiday season to the area Christmas Seal Association, makes possible the award of annual grants for new or continued research into causes and controls of lung diseases.

One project supported by these funds is aimed at better understanding of the relationship between an enzyme inhibitor in the body and emphysema.

Researchers feel it will eventually be possible to predict deficiencies children will inherit. This could lead to genetic counseling for married couples.